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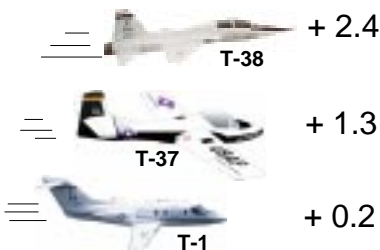
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Mission status

(As of May 17)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)



Fiscal Year 2000 statistics

--Sorties flown: 41,408
--Hours flown: 61,442.2
--Pilot wings earned in FY 00: 189
--Wings earned since 1963: 11,554

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

"It's all here in the book..."

Master Sgt. Fernando Sarachaga, Del Rio area recruiter, explains some of the benefits of Air Force life to Armando Arteaga, a potential recruit, at the May 11 Job Fair at the Del Rio Civic Center.

Air Force streamlines ADSC program

WASHINGTON – In response to concerns from the field, Air Force leaders have simplified and standardized the active duty service commitment policy – making it less cumbersome and easier to understand.

Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan approved the new ADSC plan.

"The new ADSC Air Force instruction and tables are simple and easy to understand," Secretary Peters said. "But, more importantly, they are designed to be fair to the individual service member. This is simply the right thing to do – nothing can be more devastating in my mind – than not treating people fairly."

The revision comes after a month-long review by an integrated process team appointed by

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Base to observe "no flying" Safety Day Wednesday

By Sharon Reeves

47 FTW safety office

Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of the 101 Critical Days of Summer - a time of year when many Air Force members lose their lives, primarily in off-duty activities. We must heighten awareness so individuals include risk assessment in all activities.

Wednesday has been designated Safety Day for Laughlin. Air Education and Training Command has directed that everyone participate. The schedule for briefings has been designed to include all Laughlin organizations. The remainder of the day will include activities and briefings within each unit, stressing the importance of risk management in work and off-duty activities. Safety publications have been forwarded to the Unit Safety Representatives to assist in planning safety briefings by commanders, supervisors and USRs. Safety Day 2000 is a "no fly" day.

The importance of setting aside this day to think about safety and risk management cannot be overstated. Our goal is to eliminate mishaps. By thinking before acting, we know it can happen.

The schedule of events for safety day:

7 a.m.: OTC Auditorium – Safety Investigation Board training.

Base Theater – Support Group Topics (All 47th Support Group, except 47th Communications Squadron).

8 a.m.: OTC Auditorium – Operations flight topics (Instructor pilots).

9 a.m.: Base Theater – Operations ground topics (Student pilots).

10 a.m.: OTC Auditorium – Operations ground topics (Instructor pilots).

OTC room 2226 – LSI/Boeing topics (All LSI/Boeing instructors).

Base Theater – Operations flight topics (Student pilots).

12 p.m.: OTC Auditorium – T-37 meeting (All T-37 instructor and student pilots and LSI). **OTC room 2226** – T-38 meeting (All T-38 instructor and student pilots and LSI). **Base Theater** – Medical Group topics (All 47th Medical Group, Wing Staff and 47th Communications Squadron personnel).

1 p.m.: OTC Auditorium – T-1 meeting (All T-1 instructor and student pilots and Boeing).

2 p.m.: OTC Auditorium – Supervisors training (All squadron supervisors).

OTC room 2226 – Mishap trend database (Maintenance/Engine Regional Repair Center quality assurance personnel; Wing and squadron flight safety officers).

3 p.m.: OTC Auditorium – Maintenance flight topics (All maintenance personnel).

4 p.m.: OTC Auditorium – Maintenance ground topics (All maintenance personnel).

Base Theater – Night shift maintenance flight topics (All maintenance personnel).

Command leaders send Armed Forces Day messages

By Gen. Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton
Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Armed Forces Day, Saturday, is a time when many of our communities pause to tell us how much they appreciate all the things we do, and we do a lot!

Enthusiastic young Air Force men and women volunteer to work in schools, scouts, churches and soccer. We bring our families who meld into the community and share their diverse experiences with all they meet. I want to join those community leaders by telling you how much I appreciate all the things you bring to Air Education and Training Command and our Air Force.

All of you have heard senior Air Force leaders talking about our need to recruit new people into our Air Force. I hope you are also hearing us talk about our need to retain good people in our Air Force.

In recent months, we have seen positive things happening in terms of better

pay, a retirement inequity fixed before it harmed anyone and we have embraced the Expeditionary Aerospace Force which promises to bring more equity to operations tempo. Yet there is still much to be done.

For example, we are pursuing improved housing for both single and married members of our Air Force, and we are working hard to ensure medical care is available to active and retired members and their families.

So as we come to Armed Forces Day 2000, I want you all to know that you're important to our Air Force. Whether you are recruiting, training, educating or supporting these efforts — you and your families are important! I am proud of you.

(Courtesy AETC News Service)



Gen. Newton

By Maj. Gen. Steven R. Polk
19th Air Force commander

Saturday marks the 50th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day and the beginning of Armed Forces Week celebrations at 19th Air Force installations and neighboring communities.

In proclaiming the first Armed Forces Day, President Harry Truman wrote: "Armed Forces Day ... marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards a goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea and air defense." The theme for that first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense."

Five decades later, the men and

women of 19th Air Force are leading that "parade of preparedness." You have redefined teamwork and taken flight training, especially joint training programs, to unprecedented levels of success and creativity.

As America rightfully honors those who serve so proudly, Henrietta and I want to express our personal gratitude to each of you, and your families, for your unmatched dedication, professionalism and patriotism. Best wishes and God-speed!

(Courtesy 19 AF public affairs)



Maj. Gen. Polk

Take time to thank husbands, wives for their contributions to the military

By Col. Herb Foret

47 FTW vice commander

On behalf of the 47th Flying Training Wing commander, Col. Skip Scott, and all the commanders of Team XL, I would like to express a sincere "Thank You" to all the spouses of our active duty and civilian employees here at Laughlin Air Force Base as we celebrate Military Spouse Day.

Throughout our rich military heritage, military members have prepared for and deployed to combat zones and military crisis situations, and they have served our national interests in long one-year unaccompanied tours. We call that the "war front" or the "tip of the spear." While the military member is on that front, our husbands and wives remain in place to man the home front. Military members should take this time to thank our spouses for paying the bills, repairing the automobiles, taking care of the lawn and homes, helping our children with homework and endless school projects and for actively participating in our many family support organizations. Most importantly, we should express our



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Lynette Enyeart signs up for a drawing for one of two \$25 food gift certificates with Pete Flores, commissary officer, during Military Spouse Appreciation Day, May 12.

heartfelt appreciation for the love and caring our husbands and wives provide for our children and other family members in need.

In closing, I only vaguely remember my many departures for deployments or remote assignments — but I clearly remember returning home to my wife and children waiting for me with hugs. Simply stated, it was our spouses who manned the home front and made returning home such an emotional feeling and something we lived for. Let's take the time today to share our feelings.

Armed Forces Day schedule

The city of Del Rio will celebrate Armed Forces Day Saturday at the Plaza Del Sol Mall. The schedule of events is:

- 11-11:30 a.m. — (Mall center) Opening ceremonies. Posting of colors, introduction of Col. Skip Scott and VIPs. Col. Scott will then enlist a group of young men and women into the various branches of the Armed Forces.
- 11:30-noon — (Mall center) Military uniform modeling by military professionals from the four branches of service in Del Rio.
- 1 p.m./3 p.m. — (Outside the front of the mall) Military working dog demonstration.
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. — (Outside the front of the mall) Fire department equipment/smoke house display.
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. — Indoor displays: Armed Forces displays, booths and demonstrations.
- 3-3:50 p.m. — (Mall center) Award judging for the most informative, best interactive and best overall demonstration.
- 3:50 p.m. — (Mall center stage) Award presentations. Col. Scott gives closing remarks.
- 4 p.m. — Armed Forces Day cleanup.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Walter Cook at 4346.

Looking to the ORI

(By Lt. Col. Barbara Stewart, 47 FTW inspector general)

90-day checklist

- Identify problem areas with self-inspection checklists and develop corrective actions.
- Ensure findings from the 1998 ORI are still closed.
- Use crossfeed ORI reports to identify and correct problems here and to find practices that may work well.
- Clean out storage areas and properly dispose of unusable or unneeded items.



Actionline

Call 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also

be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



Winfield W. Scott III
Col. Winfield W. Scott III
47th Flying Training Wing commander

Commander

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Heritage, culture play major role in mission accomplishment, productive work environment

By Capt. Kelly Primus
47th Flying Training Wing

You are new to the United States Air Force – a brand new airman, ready to see the world and start what you hope will be an excellent career. You see yourself wearing chief stripes one day in the future, or maybe obtaining a commission through one of the various commissioning programs. Or, perhaps you are a new second lieutenant. Instead of chief stripes, you see yourself wearing a set of eagles or maybe a few stars on your shoulders. Suddenly, your dream is interrupted and you realize you are sitting through another briefing. This briefing, at the first duty station orientation, is from the Military Equal Opportunity office. Of course, you are wondering why you have to sit and listen to another “touchy-feely” briefing about sexual harassment and discrimination again. You vaguely remember hearing something like that at basic training, Reserve Officer Training Corps, Officer Training School or in technical training.

As if reading your mind, the instructor reminds everyone in the classroom that history has shown how these “touchy-feely” issues have stopped the mission from being accomplished not only during peacetime, but also during wartime. Part of our military heritage is segregation.

During World War II the all African-American 99th Pursuit Squadron, better known as the “Tuskegee Airmen” served, as did the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, an all Japanese-American combat unit. The 442nd were probably the most decorated unit in military history. They were fighting for the United States – even while their families were being held in concentration camps in the United States.

It was not until 1948, when President Truman issued Executive Order 9981 – abolishing segregation in all branches of the Armed Forces, that the policy of equal treatment and opportunity occurred for all Armed Forces members (regardless of their race, color, or nationality). This executive order and the passing of the Civil Rights

Act of 1964, although designed to solve and prevent problems, did not eliminate racial tensions in society or the Armed Forces. Some military personnel from different racial backgrounds were not used to being together.

During the Vietnam War, the USS Kitty Hawk was heading out to sea to relieve another carrier when racial tensions on-board caused sit-ins and riots causing the carrier to return to port in the United States. Air Force bases, such as Travis and Minot, were shut down in the mid-70s due to racial riots. Unfair treatment and unfair punishment of African-American and other minority airmen was the underlying cause of the riots. These actions taught the military an important lesson – if everyone doesn’t get along and work together, the mission won’t be accomplished.

As you listen to the instructor, you’re wondering why you need to know all this information, since you weren’t even born when these events occurred. Well, an old saying I was taught still holds true today:

“If you don’t know your past, you can’t move into the future.” We must learn from our past mistakes in order to make a better future. The U.S. Air Force and other services learned from past events and adopted directives, formed the Military Equal Opportunity office, and yes, embraced core values.

The military started realizing that individuals are brought together from different regions of the country and the world – and that some have only been in contact with people who look alike. Despite our social, economical and racial differences, we must be able to work and accomplish the mission. The key to working together is communication. If we don’t individually examine our behaviors and live by the core values as professionals in arms, Team XL or Team Air Force would be nonexistent.

Certain stereotypes that we learn from the media, the attitudes of society and even from our parents can cause friction in a diverse work center. Without learning individual differences and without the understanding that each of us was raised with different values, people cannot work together. We, as military members, should not just tolerate others because they don’t look like us, but accept each individual as a unique and valuable member of the team.

The military equal opportunity office is still teaching First Duty Station Orientation and Newcomer’s Orientation for those on their second and subsequent

assignments. Although unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment complaints have been decreasing within the Air Force over the past few years, unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment still occurs in the military. Cases involving verbal and physical sexual harassment, as well as those involving racial comments and other disparate treatment are being substantiated.

You may be wondering how we, as military mem-

bers, can eliminate unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment from the military. Two words: core values. If everyone in the Air Force lived by the core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do, the word sexual harassment would not be used in the military, nor would racial and sexist slurs, jokes or comments be heard in the work center. Everyone would be judged solely on their merit, fitness and capability. So the dream of becoming a chief master sergeant or four-star general can be reached by all military members – regardless of race, sex, color, national origin or religious beliefs.

There is a lot of information you can read about other cultures. Either come by the Military Equal Opportunity office in building 375, suite 234 or visit the base library.

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– 47 FTW motto

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Pilots!

Students of Class 00-09 lose student status today



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B-1 - Dyess AFB, Texas



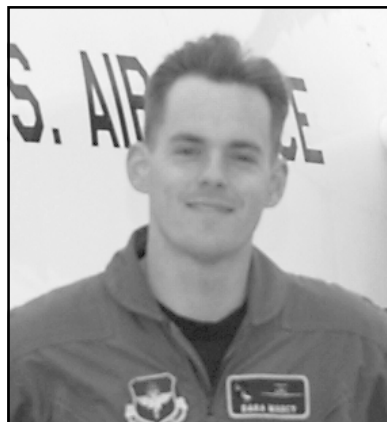
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KC-135 - Milwaukee, Wis. (ANG)



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F-16 - Luke AFB, Ariz.

Pilot finds Air Force a great way of life

By Staff Sgt. Bob Oldham
314th Airlift Wing public affairs

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. – The Air Force’s recruiting and retention problems, especially with pilots, have been well documented over the past few months, but as one Little Rock officer knows, the grass isn’t always greener on the other side.

Capt Greg “Hoss” Allen, a 50th Airlift Squadron pilot, returned to active-duty service last year after more than seven years as a civilian in corporate America.

Hoss, a Gulf War veteran, got out of the Air Force in October 1991. He saw his peers getting out, and he decided to get out, too. He said he felt the primary reason people were leaving was because of the high operations tempo and to get higher-paying jobs outside with the airlines. “I just thought it was the thing to do,” Allen said. “People tried to talk me out of it, including our current vice wing commander, Colonel (Joe) Fitzpatrick, but I was kind of hard-headed and got

out anyway.” Hoss was single at the time, which he said made the decision a little easier. “The airlines, however, were not hiring very much right after the Gulf War, and that never worked out for me,” Hoss said.

Hoss did eventually find a job with a pharmaceutical sales company with a good salary and medical-benefits package. But, he said something was missing – flying, camaraderie and a sense of duty. He said he “really missed the excitement of the C-130 flying mission and the sense of doing something that really matters.” He also said he missed the esprit de corps with his fellow airmen.

“I really didn’t see anything that equaled the camaraderie of the military in the seven-plus years that I was out,” Allen said.

The captain’s journey back to the Air Force started with a call to one of his old commanders, Brig. Gen. Jack Holbein, a former 314th Airlift Wing commander and now commander of the Special Operations Command, Pacific, at

Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. Allen called the general looking for help to find a job flying with an Air National Guard or Reserve unit or to find a way to get back on active duty. “I was out so long that I was unmarketable to a Guard or Reserve unit,” Allen said. “They didn’t have much interest in me when they could get fully qualified pilots coming right off active duty.”

Holbein told him of a program the Air Force has for pilots to rejoin active duty, so Allen called officials at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, to get the paperwork started. He was accepted in February 1999, was re-qualified in the C-130 and he has been flying the C-130H3 with the 50th Airlift Squadron since July 1999.

Since Allen’s return to active duty, his commander said he has proven to be a huge asset and has added a whole new dimension to the squadron. “He has become a mentor to our young troops,” said Lt. Col. Glen Apgar, 50 AS commander. “As a captain, he has the maturity and experience of a lieu-

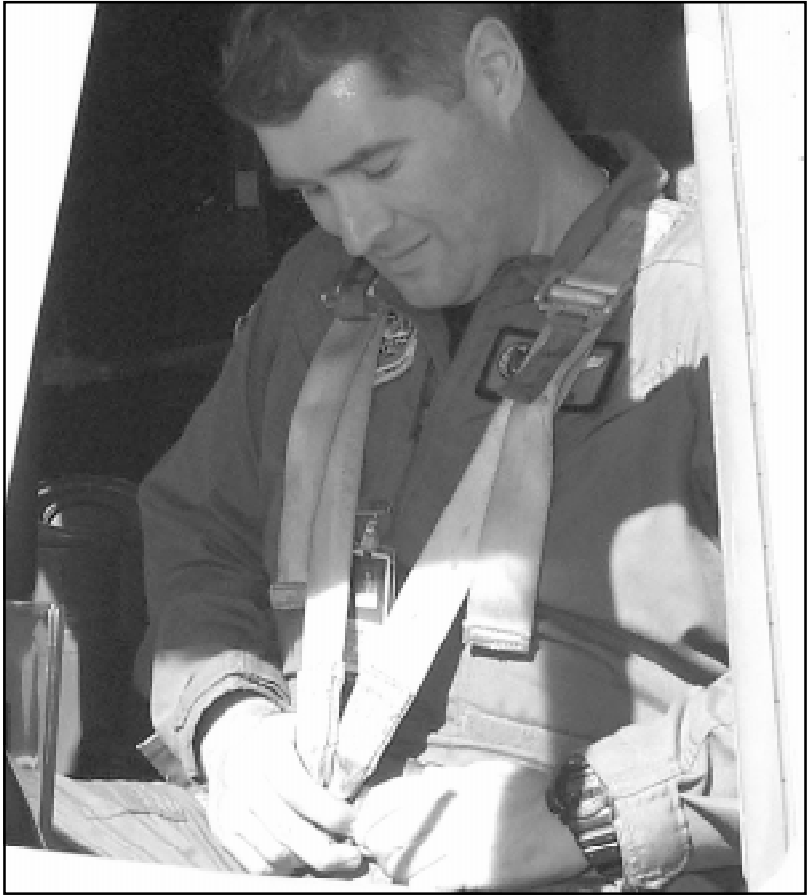


Photo by Staff Sgt. Bob Oldham

Capt. Greg “Hoss” Allen straps into a C-130H3.

tenant colonel. The 50th doesn’t have experienced pilots walk in their front door very often.”

Allen said although the military may not be for everyone, he advises people looking at getting

out of the Air Force to “look long and hard at it. ... As a civilian, you are totally on your own. There are a lot of benefits we have in the military that we take for granted.”

(Courtesy AETC News Service)

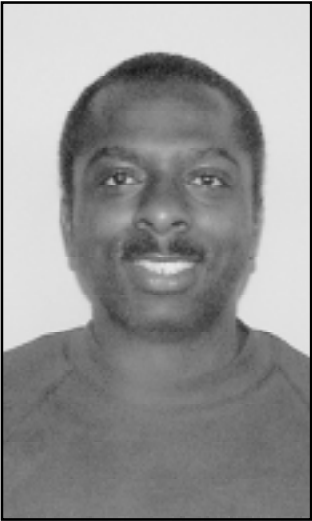
Question of the week

Why did you decide to join the service?



"The biggest reason I decided to join the service would be patriotism and to be a part of something important."

1st. Lt. Brian White
47th Civil Engineer Squadron



"To see the world, serve my country, take on new opportunities and further my education."

Tech. Sgt. Donald Williams
47th Flying Training Wing



"Travel, adventure, education and to receive a challenge."

Tech. Sgt. Terence Scott
Base Fire Department



"The main reason I joined is for the technical training. The reason I have stayed in is because of the people I have worked with. I have been encouraged to protect and defend the Constitution."

Staff Sgt. Steven Sledge
47th Communications Squadron



From the Blotter

(From May 10-17)



■ A civilian reported that someone had damaged the sewer pipe attached to his motor home. An investigation discovered an unknown person operating a lawn mower had hit the sewer hose attached to his motor home.

■ Patrols responded to a complaint of bottles being broken at the enlisted dorms. Two military members were apprehended for violation of Article 92 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice and one civilian was turned over to the Val Verde Sheriff's Office for underage drinking.

■ A civilian reported damage to his vehicle. The damage to the vehicle was a two-inch crack in

the top center of the driver side taillight.

■ An emergency 911 call was received from a civilian relating a family member had fallen and hurt his back while taking a shower. The individual was transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

■ An individual phoned the law enforcement desk reporting unknown persons damaged his pickup truck. The estimated damage is \$600.

■ Patrols responded to the Officer's Club due to a verbal assault. One individual was detained and taken to the law enforcement desk.



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The XLer

Hometown: Cadiz, Ohio.
Family: Husband, David.
Time at Laughlin: 2 years, 2 months.
Time in service: 2 years, 8 months.
Why did you join the Air Force family? To serve my country.
Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: We need miniature golf.
Long-term goals: To cross-train into the Office of Special Investigations.
Greatest accomplishment: Making Below the Zone.
Hobbies: Reading.
Bad habit: Stressing about everything.
If you could spend one hour



Senior Airman Bridgette Chrisman
47th Comptroller Flight

with any person in history, who would it be and why? My grandmother because I lost her too soon.

Where are they now?

Name: Capt. James DeReus.
Class/date of graduation from Laughlin: Dec. 15, 1995; Class 96-02.
Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.
Mission of your current aircraft? Strategic/Tactical Airlift.
What do you like most about your current aircraft? Flying around the world.
What do you dislike most about your current aircraft? The really long days

and the sometimes boring flying.
What was the most important thing you learned from your time at Laughlin, besides learning how to fly? If you aren't having fun, you are doing something wrong.
What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? Meeting my wife while a first assignment instructor pilot.
What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Have fun and stay relaxed.



‘ADSC,’ from page 1

the secretary and chief to fix the ADSC problems. Led by Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, deputy chief of staff for plans and programs, the team was tasked to come up with a plan to simplify and standardize ADSCs.

“Our guidance to the IPT was simple,” said General Ryan. “Create an easily understood program that is fair and equitable to the Air Force and its members.”

During review of the existing program, the team found the rules and tables governing ADSCs to be complex and ambiguous, often contributing to incorrect documentation. The new program lets airmen plan their careers while allowing the Air Force to manage force requirements.

“We took the ADSC AFI from 15 tables and 189 rules down to only two tables and 34 rules,” explained General DeKok. “Our primary premise was simplicity.”

“The ADSC program, however, should also not nickel-and-dime our troops for service owed, but rather be a tool that shows a mutual faith and trust for our service to our country,” he said. “The new program puts the trust back where it belongs – in our people.”

The major changes hit three primary areas: advanced flying training, education and training, and promotions. Changes to flying training include standardized pilot commitments of 10 years – regardless of weapon system or major command – and eliminating ADSCs for in-unit training.

Additionally, 95 percent of education and training ADSCs were eliminated for courses under 20 weeks. This involved approximately 5,600 courses. ADSCs will also move to a standardized three years for all courses over 20 weeks. This includes Air Force Institute of Technology masters degree programs. AFIT doctorate programs will stabilize at a five-year commitment and ADSCs will be eliminated for Squadron Officer School.

Federal statutes govern time-in-grade retirement requirements

for senior officers. Given these statutory mandates for officer retirements, previous two-year ADSC associated with promotions for major through colonel was not needed and has been eliminated.

Given the absence of comparable statutory restrictions on enlisted time-in-grade retirement

requirements, and Defense Department regulatory requirements that senior noncommissioned officer promotions carry an ADSC, the two year ADSC remains for promotions to E-7, E-8 and E-9.

Air Force members will maintain their current ADSCs – as reflected on the signed Air Force Forms 63 in their person-

nel files. When the new AFI goes into effect June 1, airmen will move under the new rules as they sign new ADSC commitments. This will primarily occur as people undergo a permanent change of station or attend extensive training.

For those who feel an injustice has been done in the past or

in the way the new rules are being implemented, the Air Force Personnel Center commander has been given wide latitude to grant relief.

The new ADSC tables are available online at the Air Force Personnel Center Web site:

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil
(Courtesy Air Force News Service)

Friday, your newspaper.
Wednesday, this newspaper.
Editorials from leaders.
Letters to the editor.
And it's all official.
www.af.mil/newspaper



HUGS offers members tips to beat the summer heat

The following is a listing of programs that will help you heat the heat this summer – sponsored by the HUGS Committee.



To confirm an event or for more information, call the facility at the phone number listed. Information provided is subject to change.

May 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Marina Family Day at the Southwinds Marina: free pontoon boat rides, games for children and hot dogs or hamburgers with all the trimmings for \$1 (775-5971).

June Skin Cancer Prevention – Health and Wellness Center: information on how to keep your skin safe from the blistering sun and harmful rays (298-6463).

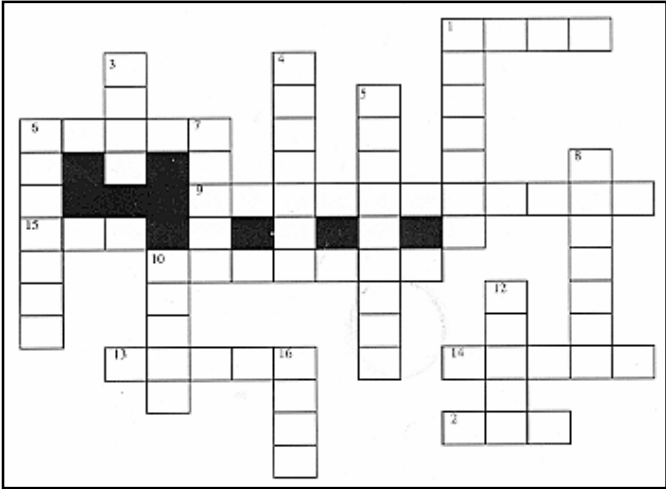
June 14/July 12/Aug. 9, 4:30-6:30 p.m. – Splish ‘n Splash Family Pool Party at the Friendship Pool: games, food and fun. Hot dog plates for \$1.50; hamburger plates for \$2 (298-5474).

June 21/July 19/Aug. 16, 9 a.m. – Fitness Improvement Class at the Health and Wellness Center: basic exercise class using the American College of Sports Medicine exercise guidelines (298-6463).

July 22, 8-11 p.m. – Dive-In Family Pool Party at the Friendship Pool: bring your favorite float and enjoy the “dive-in” movie (298-5474).

Aug. 5, 8 p.m.-midnight – Adults-only pool party at the Friendship Pool: one special price includes grill-your-own-steak dinner. Watch for more details (298-5474).

NBCDT crossword puzzle



Across

Down

- MCU 2A/P is fit to the length of your ____.
- M-9 color change.
- Chemical agent that turns you blue.
- Attack is probable.
- Chemical Agent, “dry land drowning.”
- Terrorist attack, ThreatCon ____.
- M-8 color change(V type nerve)
- Number of M-291 Decon packets for a full decon kit.

- Don your mask in ____ seconds.
- Alarm Black action, mark ____.
- Protects face eyes, respiratory tract. (2 words).
- Peacetime mask inspection.
- .Chemical Agent, including mustard.
- Final symptom of nerve agents.
- Wearing over garment, IPE. (2 words).
- Alarm Red action, take ____.
- Number of auto-injector sets issued.
- General purpose mobility bag.

***Each one of these items are mentioned in your Nuclear, Chemical, Biological Defense Training class. How well were you listening? The answers to this puzzle appear to its right.*

Answers:

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 15. Six | 16. A-bag |
| 14. Green | 12. Three |
| 13. Delta | 10. Cover |
| 10. Choking | 8. MOPP one |
| 9. Alarm Yellow | 7. Death |
| 6. Blood | 6. Blister |
| 2. Red | 5. Six Months |
| 1. Face | 4. Gas Mask |
| | 3. UXOs |
| | 1. Fifteen |

Congressional Award available

Have you considered applying for the Congressional Award lately?

The Congressional Award Program honors young Americans for positive volunteer service and personal development. This is a non-competitive program open to all interested and motivated persons ages 13-24. Each award involves a personal setting of goals and the completion of activity hours in four program areas: voluntary community service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration. Participants work with an adviser to help set their goals and monitor progress.

With reduced fees, simplified registration and new program options, there’s never been a better time to apply. Last year, the Congressional Award requirements were restructured and it is now more realistic to earn bronze, silver or

gold medal awards.

Under the restructured program, participants are able to carry their hours earned at one level to the next award level. For example, the 100 volunteer hours accumulated for a bronze medal count as one-half of the required 200 hours for a silver medal. In addition, a new certificate program was added to provide recognition and encouragement

as young adults continue the quest toward medals. Certificates can be received after accumulating just 60 total activity hours and certificate hours are counted

towards the medal awards.

For more information, contact the Youth Center at 298-5343 (young adults ages 13-18 in high school) or the Fiesta Community Center at 298-5474 (young adults ages 18-24).

(Courtesy 47th Services Division)

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Military team marches to victory in 29th annual wing golf tourney

By Jim Teet
Public affairs

Three former wing commanders joined 63 other competitors here for the 29th Annual Laughlin Wing Commander's Golf Tournament last weekend. Retired Lt. Gen. Clark Griffith, Maj. Gen. Larry Garrison and Brig. Gen. Al Gagliardi led base and community golfers on the course as well as in the clubhouse.

Some played serious golf. Still, most members on the 17 teams seemed more interested in rekindling acquaintances, swapping stories and enjoying the camaraderie. The weekend kicked off with an icebreaker Friday at Club XL and, following 36 holes of golf, ended with a barbecue and fixings while the winners were announced Sunday.

The team of Lt. Cols. Al Poerner and Dave Adams, Maj. Steve Donatucci and Capt. Dave Poole jumped to a huge lead and strolled through the tournament at 25-under-par. The threesome of Lt. Col. Scott Wiebe, Tom Steiger and Mike Woods claimed second place, edging out retired Maj. Gen. Gerald Prather, Louy Younts, Chris Blair and Dr. Wayne Casson by one stroke.

Individual prizes were pre-



Photo by David Niebergall

(Left) Fred Langford, (Center) Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Polillo and J.R. McBee look on as Jimmy Murdoch putts during the Laughlin Wing Commander's Golf Tournament Saturday.

sented both days. Longest drive honors went to Jerry Horne and retired Col. Dave Warner. Closest to the pin each day on the par-three 17th hole were Richard Faith and Mike Woods.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

Put to the test

1st Lt. Christopher Blanchette, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron, takes a fitness quiz Monday at the XL Fitness Center during a Fitness Drive. The quiz was administered by the Health and Wellness Center to test people's personal fitness knowledge.

Throughout May, every member who frequents the XL Fitness Center will receive a stamp on a fitness card that will build up points for prizes. For more information call the fitness center at 5326.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Puzzling situation

Vickie Stewart, (Left) looks on as her niece, Elizabeth Garcia, draws a picture on a puzzle card during Blues Clues Family Night at the Fiesta Community Center Wednesday. These Family Night programs are held monthly to promote family well-being and are geared for ages 10 and under.

Pilot graduation

The graduation ceremony for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 00-09 is scheduled for 10 a.m. today in the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

Maj. Gen. Richard C. Marr, Chief of Staff for the U.S. Joint Forces Command at the Norfolk Naval Air Station, will be the guest speaker for the event.

Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Month observance

The Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Committee has scheduled an annual observance of Asian-Pacific Heritage Month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Fiesta Center Ballroom.

Exhibits at the event will include free food sampling, games and surprises. The theme for the event is "Celebrating our Legacy."

For more information, call Tech Sgt. Ruben Ballesteros at 4282.

Air Amistad preparation

Between 30,000 and 50,000 people are expected to attend Air Amistad 2000 Oct. 8. An important part of accommodating this many people will be providing concession stands. Any on-base organization wishing to have a concession stand must begin making plans now. For more information on this subject, call Betty Schoen at 298-5891.

Spouse's meeting

The Enlisted and Civilian Spouses Club will host its monthly meeting 7 p.m. at Club Amistad May 30. Spouses of all enlisted and civilian equivalents are welcome to attend. For more information, call Kathy Harting at 5154 or Sheri Robinson at 4769.

Retirement ceremony

A retirement dinner for Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Baskin, 47th Flying Training Wing, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Club XL. For more information, call 4355.

Baskin's retirement ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday at Ribas-Domminicci Plaza Thursday.

For more information, call 4355.

Tobacco cessation

The Health and Wellness Center plans to sponsor the next tobacco cessation class June 6 at 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Classes will be held in the HAWC conference room. For more information, call 6463 or 6464.

VFW Membership

Active duty members, Reservists and National Guardsmen can join the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization without paying dues. Join the VFW in helping veterans and their families work with hospitals and nursing homes to cheer up those who are sick and helpless.

For more information, call Mel Voss, commander, at 775-2712.

Arbor Day ceremony

Come and help celebrate Arbor Day Monday at the base park located at 2090 Cannon Street at 9 a.m. A dedicatory tree will be planted and Mark Peterson from the Texas Forest Service will speak on the importance of trees in our lives.

College summer registration

Sul Ross State University and Rio Grande College

now has schedules for Summer I & II sessions. For more information, stop by the education office or call 5529 Monday, Wednesday or Friday from noon to 4 p.m. Laughlin registration is scheduled for May 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the education office.

Thrift Savings Plan

The open season when federal and postal employees may join the tax-deferred thrift savings plan or alter contribution amounts and fund choices is now underway. The season runs through July 31. Employees wishing to start or change future contributions should call the Air Force Personnel Center at 1-800-997-2378.

Employees who already have dollars in TSP should check the distribution of that money since the strong stock market performance of the last two years may have thrown the accounts of many TSP investors out of balance.

For more information, call Patty Fleming at 5127.

Air Force ROTC opportunities

The Air Force Personnel Center has announced procedures for those interested in applying for the summer of 2001 AFROTC commander/professor or aerospace studies and regional director of admissions vacancies. See the AFPC assignments homepage under career broadening at <http://afas.randolph.af.mil/careerbroad/rotc.html> or call 5409 for a list of vacancies and extra information.

Tap seminar

A Transition Assistance Program seminar is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday in the Family Support Center conference room for all separating and retiring active duty members. The seminar is also open on a space-available basis to those civilians who are retiring or separating.

For more information or to set up an appointment, call 298-5620.

Travel voucher tips

Travelers must provide a lodging receipt when claiming lodging costs. Lodging costs will not be paid without a receipt. For other miscellaneous reimbursable expenses, receipts must be provided only when the cost exceeds \$75. If a traveler loses a receipt, he can complete a lost or missing receipt form to claim a reimbursable expense.

For more information, call 5215.

Del Rio/Laughlin American Legion meeting

The Del Rio/Laughlin American Legion Post #298 will host a meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at The Barn across from the main gate. Nominations, elections and installation of next year's officers will be held.

Anyone interested in veteran and military affairs and benefits is invited to attend.

For more information, contact Murry Kachel, commander, at 298-2097 or check out the Website at <http://www.delrio.com/-mkachel/al/index.htm>.